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Senate Chamber

President Bedke called the Senate to order at 10:30 a.m.
Roll call showed all members present.
Prayer was offered by Chaplain Doug Armstrong.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grace Lowder, Page.
The Senate advanced to the Third Order of Business.

Reading and Correction of the Journal

The JUDICIARY AND RULES Committee reports that the Senate Journal of the proceedings of February 27, 2026, was read and approved as corrected.

LAKEY, Chairman

There being no objection, the report was adopted and ordered filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

February 27, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1286](#) and [SJR 103](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1286](#) and [SJR 103](#) were filed for second reading.

February 27, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1326](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1326](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

March 2, 2026

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1323](#) and [S 1338](#) with the recommendation that they do pass.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

[S 1323](#) and [S 1338](#) were filed for second reading.

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee reports out [S 1299](#) with the recommendation that it be referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business for amendment.

GUTHRIE, Chairman

There being no objection, [S 1299](#) was referred to the Fourteenth Order of Business, General Calendar.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Ninth Order of Business.

Messages from the House

February 27, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith [H 704](#) and [H 700](#), which have passed the House.

VORE, Acting Chief Clerk

[H 704](#) and [H 700](#) were filed for first reading.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills, House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

S 1347

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION; AMENDING SECTION 67-6223, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1348

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC OUTDOOR TARGET RANGES; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-1808, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC OUTDOOR TARGET RANGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1349

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN ACT

RELATING TO MACHINE GUNS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-3328, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING MACHINE GUNS AND CONTINGENT AUTHORIZATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 33, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-3329, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING A PROHIBITION ON ENFORCEMENT OF INVALID FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY;

AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1350
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO CASH ROUNDING; AMENDING CHAPTER 36, TITLE 63, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 63-3643, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CASH ROUNDING; AMENDING SECTION 67-2361, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING CASH PAYMENT BY STATE AGENCIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1351
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE OFFICE VACANCIES AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR; AMENDING SECTION 59-904, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REJECTED GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEES TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE SAME POSITION FOR ONE YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 67-802, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND FILL VACANCIES WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-303, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1352
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING; AMENDING CHAPTER 65, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-6541, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING STARTER HOME SUBDIVISIONS AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1353
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING; AMENDING CHAPTER 65, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-6541, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING TWIN HOMES AND DUPLEXES AND TO DEFINE A TERM; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1354
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS; AMENDING SECTION 55-3212, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND TO REMOVE A DEFINITION; AMENDING CHAPTER 65, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-6541, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1355
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND SUBDIVISIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 13, TITLE 50, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 50-1335, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SUBDIVISIONS OF LAND ARE EXEMPT FROM SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1356
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTION 40-1404A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS; AMENDING SECTION 34-702, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-702A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-703, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-704, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-705, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-706, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-708, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 34-712, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-714, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-715, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN SINGLE COUNTYWIDE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-905A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN HIGHWAY DISTRICT BALLOTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.

S 1357
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 37, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-3717D, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1358
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1004B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE CAREER LADDER; AND DECLARING

AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.

S 1359
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK FRAUD PREVENTION ACT; AMENDING TITLE 28, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 54, TITLE 28, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A SHORT TITLE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH A LICENSING REQUIREMENT, TO ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY DISCLOSURES, TO ESTABLISH CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSACTION RECEIPTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREVENTION OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY AND MONEY LAUNDERING, TO PROVIDE FOR REFUNDS, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION-SHARING RELATED TO VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSK FRAUD, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CHAPTER APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1360
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PROJECT CHOICE PROGRAM FEE; AMENDING SECTION 49-454, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE PROJECT CHOICE PROGRAM FEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-2914, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MONEYS IN THE IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[S 1347](#), [S 1348](#), [S 1349](#), [S 1350](#), [S 1351](#), [S 1352](#), [S 1353](#), [S 1354](#), [S 1355](#), [S 1356](#), [S 1357](#), [S 1358](#), [S 1359](#), and [S 1360](#) were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

[H 704](#) and [H 700](#), by Business Committee, were introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The Senate advanced to the Twelfth Order of Business.

Second Reading of Bills

[H 628](#), by Transportation and Defense Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 583](#), by Business Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 610](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 620](#), by Resources and Conservation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

[H 731](#), by Revenue and Taxation Committee, was read the second time at length and filed for third reading.

The Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

[S 1314](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator

Blaylock arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Pursuant to Senate Rule 39(H), Senator Woodward disclosed a possible conflict of interest under applicable law.

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 28.

NAYS—Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 7.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1314](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1316](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Keyser arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1316](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, [S 1300](#) retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

[S 1301](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Bernt arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 31.

NAYS—Burtenshaw, Cook, Grow, Lent. Total - 4.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1301](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1331](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Grow arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Bjerke (Bjerke), Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 18.

NAYS—Anthon, Bernt, Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Cook, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 17.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1331](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

[S 1332](#) was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Hart arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, VanOrden, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 26.

NAYS—Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow. Total - 9.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared [S 1332](#) passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate returned to the Fourth Order of Business.

Reading of Communications

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifth Order of Business.

Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote the Senate recessed at 12:10 p.m. until the hour of 4 p.m. of this day.

RECESS AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate reconvened at 4 p.m., pursuant to recess, President Bedke presiding.

Roll call showed all members present except President Pro Tempore Anthon and Senator Hart, absent and excused.

Prior to recess the Senate was at the Fifth Order of Business, Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials.

SR 117 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A SENATE RESOLUTION
STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ITALY AS A TRADE PARTNER WITH IDAHO, AND SUPPORTING THE STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN IDAHO AND ITALY.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the United States established diplomatic relations with Italy in 1861 following the unification of most of the peninsula into what became the Republic of Italy; and

WHEREAS, Italy is an important trade partner with the United States. In 2024, goods exported from the United States to

Italy were worth \$32.4 billion and goods imported to the United States from Italy were worth \$76.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, Italians have had a presence in Idaho even before Idaho became a state. Italian immigrants arrived in Idaho beginning in about 1880, responding to the need for workers to build railroad lines across Idaho. Italians also became loggers, miners, and farmers in Idaho and were mentioned in passing in the debates recorded in the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of Idaho in 1889-1890; and

WHEREAS, according to Leonard Arrington's "History of Idaho," there were about 2,627 Italians living and working in Idaho by 1910, including about 400 families in Pocatello tied to the railroad industry, and also loggers, farmers, miners, and shopkeepers in the areas of Kellogg, Wallace, Bonners Ferry, Naples, Lava Hot Springs, Roston, Mullan, and Priest River, with Priest River even being called "Little Italy" for a time; and

WHEREAS, Italy has long been a partner in trade with the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Micron Technology, Inc., which was founded in Boise in 1978 as a four-person semiconductor design company and is now a Fortune 500 company, now has three sites in Italy, employing over 400 team members in Vimercate, Arzano, and Avezzano; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Honorary Consulate of Italy in Idaho was established in Boise by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to provide Italian consulate services in the states of Idaho and Montana; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Honorary Consulate in Idaho is expected to facilitate an increase in tourism and trade between people and businesses in Idaho and Italy; to host official visit delegations from Italy; to promote local cultural events; to facilitate the ability of students to study abroad; and to help create partnerships with Idaho universities to facilitate research ventures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, that the Senate recognizes the importance of Italy as a trade partner with Idaho and supports the strengthening of ties between Idaho and Italy.

SCR 122 BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING IDAHO'S SUPPORT OF ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH TAIWAN, TRADE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN, AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, freedom, human rights, the rule of law, and the market economy; and

WHEREAS, trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes meaningfully to their mutual economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the seventh-largest trading partner of the United States and the eighth-largest export destination for United States agricultural goods, with bilateral trade totaling \$158.6 billion in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan have welcomed the resumption of high-level trade engagement and expressed a desire to work closely together; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Taiwan was Idaho's third-largest import and export trading partner, and Taiwan has remained the second-largest export destination for the State of Idaho

for eight years since 2017, with a total trade value of \$1.17 billion covering commodity goods from electrical equipment and machinery, chemicals, optical and medical equipment, and agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, other landmarks in the relationship between Idaho and Taiwan include the establishment of a sister-state relationship in 1984, the establishment of the Idaho-Asia Trade Office in Taiwan in 1988, a driver license reciprocity agreement in 2014, a \$1.2 billion, four-year letter of intent between the Idaho Wheat Commission and the Taiwan Flour Mills Association signed in 2025, and a MOU celebrating 40 years of friendship between the State of Idaho and Taiwan signed in 2024; and

WHEREAS, these landmarks reflect the growing exchanges and interdependency from civil to official levels between Idaho and Taiwan, inspiring and creating additional economic opportunities and prosperities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan Relations Act in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization and will continue to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that:

(1) The State of Idaho recognizes the importance of a strong, enduring, and democratically bonded partnership between Idaho and Taiwan;

(2) The State of Idaho reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership between the United States and Taiwan, including to support a United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement and a resolution of the ongoing dialogue on an Agreement of Double Taxation Avoidance; and

(3) The State of Idaho supports Taiwan's participation in international organizations that impact the global trade, health, safety, and well-being of the 23 million people in Taiwan.

SCR 123

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND SUPPORTING THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, rangelands are natural ecosystems in which the native vegetation is predominantly grasses, grass-like plants, forbs, or shrubs that are typically grazed by livestock and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, such ecosystems cover up to 19.8 billion acres of land globally, roughly 54% of Earth's terrestrial surface, which is proportionally mirrored in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, rangelands are economically, socially, and culturally vital to communities across the world as they provide an array of ecological services; and

WHEREAS, the productivity and environmental health of rangelands are critical for the livelihoods and cultures of more than 500 million pastoralists globally; and

WHEREAS, billions more non-pastoralists across the world benefit from these areas through animal products, tourism,

wildlife, biodiversity conservation, renewable energy, and other uses and services; and

WHEREAS, pastoralists are stewards of rangelands who raise livestock or semidomesticated animals on rangelands and who may be otherwise known as ranchers, sheepherders, or nomads; and

WHEREAS, pastoralists played a foundational role in Idaho's formation and development and maintain their cornerstone enterprise in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, pastoralism is a dynamic and transformative livelihood linked to the diverse ecosystems, cultures, identities, traditional knowledge, and historical experience of coexisting with nature; and

WHEREAS, through deep knowledge and connection with the land, pastoralists have coupled the health of landscapes with economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, healthy rangelands are vital for contributing to economic growth, resilient livelihoods, and the sustainable development of pastoralism. However, rangelands and pastoralism are currently facing urgent and different challenges around the world; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's pastoralists contribute directly and indirectly to a variety of experiences in Idaho's rural and urban economies, thereby supporting local families and businesses, reinforcing an Idaho tradition, and sustaining overall vitality in Idaho's communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists provides a timely opportunity to reaffirm Idaho's support for sustainable livestock grazing, balanced public use, and collaboration among pastoralists, recreationalists, conservation partners, and land management agencies to ensure healthy working landscapes throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Legislature recognizes and supports Governor Little's proclamation recognizing 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Idaho supports the 2026 International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists and the efforts made by the associated global and regional alliances and groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the importance of national policies on conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in order to manage grazing areas, wildlife, water sources, livestock movement, risk, and resilience and to enable land use planning and ecosystem management by pastoralists and relevant public entities.

[SR 117](#), [SCR 122](#), and [SCR 123](#) were introduced, read at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

The Senate advanced to the Sixth Order of Business.

Reports of Standing Committees

March 2, 2026

The RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT Committee reports out [S 1328](#) with the recommendation that it do pass.

BURTENSHAW, Chairman

[S 1328](#) was filed for second reading.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Eleventh Order of Business.

**Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills,
House Petitions, Resolutions, and Memorials**

S 1361

**BY FINANCE COMMITTEE
AN ACT**

RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY; APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS, AND THE IDAHO STATE POLICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; EXEMPTING THE APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIFIC PROGRAM TRANSFER LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

S 1361 was introduced, read the first time at length, and referred to the Judiciary and Rules Committee for printing.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Thirteenth Order of Business.

Third Reading of Bills

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, **S 1300**, having been held, retained its place on the Third Reading Calendar.

S 1308 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1308** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1309 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Lakey arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Carlson, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Lent, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Shippy, Taylor, Toews, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1309** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, **S 1300** was placed before the Senate for consideration at this time.

S 1300, having been held, was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final

consideration. Senator Okuniewicz arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Bruner (Adams), Carlson, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Harris, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 21.

NAYS—Burtenshaw, Cook, Grow, Guthrie, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1300** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1311 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Foreman arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Anthon, Bernt, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Cook, Den Hartog, Foreman, Galloway, Grow, Keyser, Lakey, Lent, Rabe, Ricks, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 21.

NAYS—Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Guthrie, Harris, Hart, Kohl, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 14.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared **S 1311** passed, title was approved, and the bill ordered transmitted to the House.

S 1317 was read the third time at length, section by section, and placed before the Senate for final consideration. Senator Burtenshaw arose as sponsor of the bill and opened the debate. The question being, "Shall the bill pass?"

Roll call resulted as follows:

AYES—Bernt, Bruner (Adams), Burtenshaw, Cook, Foreman, Guthrie, Harris, Lent, Rabe, Ruchti, Semmelroth, Taylor, VanOrden, Ward-Engelking, Wintrow, Woodward. Total - 16.

NAYS—Anthon, Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock, Carlson, Den Hartog, Galloway, Grow, Hart, Keyser, Kohl, Lakey, Lenney, Nichols, Okuniewicz, Ricks, Shippy, Toews, Zito, Zuiderveld. Total - 19.

Total - 35.

Whereupon the President declared that **S 1317** had failed to pass the Senate and ordered the bill filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, **H 608** was placed at the head of the Third Reading Calendar, followed by Senate bills, followed by House bills.

On request by Senator Den Hartog, granted by unanimous consent, the Senate advanced to the Fifteenth Order of Business.

Miscellaneous Business

On motion by Senator Den Hartog, seconded by Senator Wintrow, by voice vote, the Senate adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

SCOTT BEDKE, President

Attest: JENNIFER NOVAK, Secretary